(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) The Commission to dealers on MS and HSD is based on slab system to ensure viability of low throughout outlets as against a percentage relationship between the commission and the price of the product. The rates of commission for lubricant singularly does not affect the profitability of the dealer.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The total expenses of the dealer (which includes expenses pertaining to supply of free air) has been taken into account while working out the rates of commission.

(f) The Commission on MS & HSD in 1960 as percentage of ex-storage price was as under:

Petrol	8.13%
Diesel	3.96%

The percentage of the present commission to the ex-storage selling price as on 31-1-1986 is as under:

Slab for sales volume in KL	% of dealer commission on ex-storage price of petrol	% of Dealer commission on ex-storage price of Diesel
1—360	2·29	2·76
361—600	1·69	2·06
601—1080	1·49	1·46
Over 1080	1·19	1·26

Energy Crisis

884. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that great concern was expressed that country was faced with a prospect of serious energy crisis

(b) if so, whether a study was conducted by the Energy Advisory Board in which it was stated that energy shortages are likely to continue for quite time in India;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons put forth by them in this regard: and

(d) what are the steps being taken to meet the serious energy crisis in the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) In the light of the projections of the Advisory Board on Energy on the Energy Demand and Supply position in the year 2004-05, concern has been expressed that energy shortages could become acute with increased commercial energy consumption and the passage of time.

(c) The report has indicated that there is likely to be a deficit in the availability of oil for meeting the domestic demand taking into account the present supply—demand position.

(d) The present approach is to reduce dependence on oil to the maximum extent possible, increasingly use indigenously available energy resources and promote efficient utilisation of various energy sources.

Power shortage in Karnataka and Gujarat States

885. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state: